

Richmond Dispatch.
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TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 1876.

WEATHER REPORT.

PROBABILITY FOR TO-DAY, Washington, March 20, 1876.—For the Middle States, rain and snow, with slight changes in temperature, easterly to southerly winds, and falling barometer, followed during Tuesday falling barometer, and clearing weather in the northern portion.

For the South Atlantic States, rain and southerly winds, shifting to westerly and northerly during the day, with rising barometer, falling temperature, and clearing weather.

The polar wave which has been on us for some days culminated yesterday forenoon in a heavy snow storm of the winter. The heavy flakes fell fast and furiously until about noon, when it succeeded by rain, which continued to fall up to a late hour of the night, by which time not a vestige of the snow was left. The mercury in the thermometer on Sunday at sunrise indicated nearly as low as it has been at any time during the winter. At the same hour yesterday it read 28.

Up to yesterday afternoon the fruit had not been materially injured. The weather, which has been below freezing since the trees budded, has also been very dry, and in that condition the blossoms can stand a good deal of cold without injury. The apples have not advanced sufficiently to be killed. Some of the peaches have, but there will be an abundance left if we have no more cold weather. Pears have received no hurt as yet; cherries have, being very tender; strawberries are very backward, and consequently have escaped injury.

TEMPERATURE YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 32; 9 A. M., 33; 12 M., 37; 3 P. M., 41; 6 P. M., 45; midnight, 50.

LOCAL MATTERS.

MR. T. SPICER CURRIE VINDICATED.—Mr. T. Spicer Currie, Republican member of the House of Delegates for Lancaster county, arrived in this city on Sunday, and gave himself up to the authorities to answer the charge of misfeasance and then absconding with the money of the Commonwealth. He was released on his own recognizance to appear before the Police Court yesterday morning.

Mr. Currie was present at the court yesterday morning, with Mr. W. B. Matthews as his counsel.

Mr. Moore, who was acting for the complainant, stated that Mr. Williams had been deceived in getting out the warrant, and wished the prosecution dismissed.

Mr. Matthews, on behalf of the accused, demanded an examination; and the Police Justice decided to have it.

Mr. Williams, who was first sworn, said that he was not acquainted with Currie, and that he had nothing of the commission of the crime alleged. He swore out the warrant upon information given him by Mr. Delarue.

His daughter had left home, and while seeking her, in a miserable frame of mind, he met Mr. Delarue, who gave him to understand that she had gone off with Currie. Delarue did not utter the name, but wrote on a slip of paper that she was with Currie.

That slip Williams carried to Justice Granger, as otherwise he could not have remembered the name. In court, Mr. Williams sometimes called accused Mr. "T. Spierlet" and sometimes "Mr. Spierlet."

Mr. Williams told the Justice that he had promised Delarue that he would go with him, and that he was with the affair, and it was with great reluctance and after the Police Justice had peremptorily demanded that Williams give it.

Miss Williams testified that she had departed from the paths of propriety long before she ever saw Currie. Indeed, she had only seen him once, and that he had come to her at Norfolk on the 11th with no more than a woman, and Currie had nothing in the world to do with it. She declared that he was entirely innocent of doing her any wrong.

The Police Justice agreed with Mr. Matthews that the Delarue ought to be examined if he could be found.

H. P. Delarue was sent for and brought into court. Williams said that that was not the man. The Delarue he had the conversation with was a short, thick-set man with a heavy mustache, who wears upon his shirt-bosom a Moscovite pin.

He was, for a time, debated whether or not the Delarue should be sent for; but the Justice came to the conclusion that, no matter what he might say, it could not alter the complexion of the case.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

THE MOORE-STREET MISSIONARY CHURCH EXEMPTED FROM TAXATION.—PERSONAL—NEW GAS-LAMPS—WOODEN HOUSES—NEW ORDINANCES—THE RAILROAD TRACK ON DOCK STREET—RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STREET COMMITTEE—ENCROACHMENTS UPON THE CITY PROPERTY—THE COUNCIL REFUSES TO ORDER THE REMOVAL OF THE TRACK—BUSINESS FROM THE OTHER BRANCH, &c., &c.

A meeting of the Common Council was held yesterday afternoon. Present: Messrs. B. B. Anderson (president), Babcock, Barmine, Christian, Curtis, Davenport, C. T. Davis, T. Wiley Davis, Foster, Higgins, Jenkins, Metzger, Newell, Oliver, Straus, Tower, C. E. Whitlock, R. H. Whitlock, and Wingfield—19.

The Chair announced that Mr. English was detained from his seat by sickness.

FINANCE REPORT.—Mr. Straus, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following:

Resolved (the Board of Aldermen concurring), That in pursuance of an ordinance—chapter 12, section 26—the "Moore-Street Missionary church" property be exempted from future tax, and the collector be authorized to correct the tax bill against said property, amounting to \$71.25.

Resolved (the Board of Aldermen concurring), That the collector be authorized to abate the tax bill of Dr. William H. Gwathmey for 1875 in the sum of \$33.75, being the tax on \$2,250 of bonds erroneously reported by him in his schedule of that year. Agreed to.

Resolved (the Board of Aldermen concurring), That the sum of \$75.50 be refunded to John C. Shafer, being an excessive current tax assessed on his property on Main and Belvidere streets and Park avenue for the years 1874 and 1875, a connection with the city curfew having been made by him in conformity with ordinance in the spring of 1874. Agreed to.

The committee also report that they have considered a resolution of the Council relative to an obstruction of Dock street by the James River and Kanawha Company, complained of by John Enders, and suggest the propriety of requiring compensation from said company for the use of so much of said street, should it upon inquiry be deemed expedient to require the continuance of the obstruction complained of. Adopted.

NEW GAS-LAMPS.—Mr. Higgins, from the Committee on Light, presented the following resolutions:

Resolved (the Board of Aldermen concurring), That the Committee on Light be instructed to have erected four street-lamps on Pine street between Cary and Albemarle streets. Agreed to.

Resolved (the Board of Aldermen concurring), That the Committee on Light be instructed to have erected one street-lamp on Laurel street near the corner of Cumberland street. Agreed to.

Resolved, That the petition of Clay-Street Methodist church for an additional lamp-post in rear thereof be and the same is hereby rejected. Agreed to.

The committee also report the payment of claims ordered by them for supplies, &c., amounting in January to \$9,144.91, and in February to \$3,089.47—total \$12,234.38. Adopted.

MORE FRAMED BUILDINGS.—Mr. Barmine, from the Joint Committee on the Fire Department, presented a joint resolution to build framed houses: Isaac Johnson, dwelling, corner Goddin and Webster streets; Margaret Landers, store and dwelling, Ninth street beyond M.; William E. Dill, shed, on lot No. 12, East Main street; Hill & Skinner, shed on the lot corner of Twenty-second and Dock streets; Mrs. Julia Powers, dwelling, on corner of Main and Twenty-sixth streets; A. J. Blackburn, dwelling, corner of Canal and Belvidere streets; John C. Shafer, shed on the alley on Ninth between Broad and Marshall; Charles Scott, dwelling, corner of Twenty-ninth and streets; Emanuel E. Harrison, dwelling, on corner of Main and Virginia streets; H. Metzger, addition to kitchen, corner Twenty-ninth and Clay; John Steinman, two kitchens on Albemarle between Belvidere and Pine streets; Charles A. Brown, addition to dwelling, corner Twenty-sixth and Clay streets; John Hickey, dwelling, on corner of Main and streets; William Owens, dwelling on Moore street near Harrison; John Oliver, shed at No. 124 Franklin street; John Cummins, addition to dwelling, No. 1225 Seventh street; Betsy G. Mason, dwelling, Seventh street between Preston and Bates; William Jeter, dwelling, corner Clay and Thirtieth streets; W. M. Hogue, stable and wagon-shed on lot No. 808, Belvidere street; Joseph Adams, dwelling on Leigh street between St. Peter's and Judah.

The committee also presented a resolution rejecting the petitions of Bell & Bowles for carpenter shop at the corner of Main and Belvidere streets, and of J. Bell for a residence to be built on rear of his store, No. 1510 Franklin street.

ORDINANCES.—Mr. Christian, from the Committee on Ordinances, presented the following, with the recommendation that they pass:

To amend and re-enact section 1 of chapter 36 of the city ordinances, concerning anthracite coal. Adopted.

To amend section 1 of chapter 53, concerning injuries to real property. Adopted.

CHURCH NOTES.

The services at Centenary Methodist church on Sunday were well attended and deeply interesting. Dr. Edwards, the pastor, preached morning and night. After the morning sermon seven persons were received into the church on profession of faith, four of whom received baptism.

The extra services held in this church during the past week were marked by deep religious interest, and several persons professed conversion. Between thirty and forty have made a profession of saving faith during the continuance of these meetings, and thirty have been received into the church. There will be services again to-night and to-morrow (Wednesday) night.

Dr. Edwards announced that Bishop Marvin, of St. Louis, who is now attending the great centennial meeting of the Methodist held at Raleigh, N. C., will reach Richmond on next Saturday, and will preach at the Centenary church on Sunday.

At Clay-Street church the congregations on Sunday morning and night were very large. The pastor, Rev. P. A. Peterson, preached both hours. There is a very deep religious interest pervading this congregation, and many persons are being brought to God on Sunday, and during the week there have been some twenty-eight conversions. Service will be held every night during the present week.

At Trinity church Bishop D. S. Doggett delivered an able discourse at 11 A. M., subject, "Entire Sanctification." From the text, "And the very God of Peace sanctify you wholly."—I. Thessalonians, v., 23. Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D., preached one of the most eloquent sermons, on an overflowing congregation, at 7 P. M.—subject, "Ashamed of Jesus" from the text, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ."—Romans, i., 16.

BAPTIST.—At the First Baptist church Rev. E. W. Warren, D. D., the new pastor of the church, preached his first sermon in the morning to a very large congregation. Selecting as his text I. Corinthians, ii., 14—"We are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours"—he deduced as his theme the reciprocal influence of pastor and people. "The church is under God just what the pastor makes it." The pastor is (under God) just what the church makes him. These points were elaborated, illustrated, and enforced in a most earnest, practical, appropriate, and telling introductory sermon, which seemed to make a profound impression on all who were present. Indeed, the new pastor has taken right from the heart of his hearers and to have entered upon his pastorate under the most promising auspices.

At Grace-Street church the pastor received seven persons into full fellowship at the morning service. At the Second church the pastor baptized one person at night.

At Sidney the pastor received three persons into the full fellowship of the church. At Pine-Street church one person was received for baptism after the sermon in the morning by the pastor.

At Leigh-Street church in the morning the services were especially adapted to the young people of the congregation, the choir and Sunday-school scholars occupying the galleries and singing the songs used in the school. The subject of Rev. Dr. Garlick's discourse was early piety, as illustrated in the history of Samuel. His text was from a part of the 4th verse of 1st Samuel, 13 chapter: "The Lord called Samuel, and he answered, 'Here am I.'" After the sermon a young man was baptized.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—A NEW CHAPTER FOR THE EAST END. The monthly meeting of the Leigh-Street Baptist Church Missionary Society was held Sunday evening, the main object being the raising of funds to erect a chapel in the eastern part of the city. The Rev. Dr. Allen presided, with Rev. Dr. Garlick as secretary. A very large congregation was present, and the proceedings most interesting.

After the usual religious exercises, reports from committees were received and adopted. The special committee on the building of a chapel reported that they had secured the site, and that the present meeting was called to aid the enterprise.

Rev. C. C. Bitting was the first speaker, and in an admirable address favored the erection of the chapel, and promised his hearty support to the measure. He gave a brief outline of the history of three of the ladies here and elsewhere for Mount Vernon were not wanted. The Vice-Regent expresses her warmest thanks for the efforts that Cincinnati has raised \$2,000, Richmond \$300, and New York promises a handsome sum.

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